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ACHIEVEMENT PROGRAM'S NEWEST MASTER MODEL RAILROAD

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Dave Renard received his first train set at the age of three and has been a confirmed model railroader ever since. He was introduced to HO scale railroading in 1948 by NMRA member Alexander B. Timm, Jr. MD of Milford, Conn. Dave has preferred scratch building rolling stock since that time.

He became a member of the Greater Abington Township Society of Model Engineers, Oreland, Pa., in 1954 and joined NMRA and Mid-Eastern Region in 1961. The trains were packed away at the time of induction into the Army, but the first day at Edgewood Arsenal, Maryland found a flourishing model railroad club where he has been an active member with continuous membership to date.

Dave's models have earned him twenty certificates at MER convention contests, including three Best in Show and the GATSME Trophy. At the national level, he has achieved three National contest awards and a Service Citation. Other Achievement Certificates held by Dave are Master Builder—Cars, Locomotives, and Structures; Model Railroad Engineer—Civil; Association Volunteer; Association Official; and Model Railroad Author. Dave has served the MER in the positions of Secretary, Vice President, and is the current President. In addition, he has edited the MER paper, THE LOCAL, for two and a half years. He has served as a National Convention Committee Contest Chairman, and then performed the same position within MER for two years.

Dave is a civilian employee at Edgewood Arsenal in the Industry Liaison Office of the Research Laboratories. He is 35 and with his wife, Annette, his daughter, Michelle, and a brand new son, Kenneth, he lives in Edgewood, Maryland, where an HO model railroad is currently in progress in their home.

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DAVID E. RENARD, MMR—NMRA Eastern Vice President—served as Secretary MER 1968—MER "Local" Editor 1967-69—Vice President MER 1970—President MER 1971—National Contest Rules Committee 1969.

Newly elected as NMRA Eastern Vice President, Dave is one of our youngest executives at the ripe old age of 36—having already become MMR #35 and showing great promise for future service to the hobby. He was introduced to the hobby at a very early age by association with his family doctor who was an enthusiast. His interest and accomplishments grew as he joined the Greater Abington Township Society of Model Engineers (GATSME) in 1956, serving as their Vice President in 1960.

Dave entered the Army in 1961 and promptly became associated with the Edgewood Arsenal Model Railroad Club, remaining active in both clubs and managing to serve on the host committee of the 1964 Liberty Bell Convention. Following this, he became a civilian employee at Edgewood Arsenal, dropping out of GATSME and becoming increasingly involved in MER while still remaining active in the Edgewood Arsenal Club.

Above all else, Dave feels that model railroading should be FUN—his only restriction being that an individual's brand of fun should add to the enjoyment of others within the hobby. The friendly home atmosphere of Dave, his wife, Annette and two small children includes a beautifully operating pike in the basement—still under construction—displaying his liking for growlers, long trains and undisputed right to MMR.

His personal views on the hobby are refreshing wherein he continues to serve his club and region while being in the position to retrench to his own pike and interests. He feels that the club has been the basis for his progress, providing him with operation when his home pike was not possible as well as instruction and encouragement . . . and that his services should in turn be available to assist others.

Dave also feels that the NMRA is not quite providing the service to members that it could and should in many areas—due mainly to red-tape in availability and a general lack of knowledge of the rank and file concerning those services offered. The one area in which Dave feels the NMRA excells in service to members is the **BULLETIN**—"the best all around hobby publication"—and that without the growing and serving **BULLETIN**, NMRA membership would suffer.

From the only personal interview possible in this series, this reporter would like to add—THREE CHEERS, CONGRATULATIONS, AND MAY IN OUR HOBBY INCREASE!